



# Los Angeles County Commission for Women

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## NOMINATION APPLICATION 28th ANNUAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

The nomination application is to include a biography of the nominee. Copies of this form can be downloaded from the Commission's website at <http://laccw.lacounty.gov>

### NOMINEE INFORMATION:

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### CRITERIA

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Applications for nominations in these categories may be received from the community and Commissioners. If applying in more than one category, a separate application is required.

**NOMINATION CATEGORY** (to be considered, choose only one appropriate choice)

Education _____	Health <u>X</u>	The Arts / Media _____	Business / Labor _____	Law / Public Safety _____
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NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY: **DECEMBER 20, 2013**

NOMINATOR: Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D. DATE: Dec. 18, 2013  
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### PROCESS OF SELECTION

The Women of the Year Awards recognizes up to ten (10) women who are outstanding role models for the over 4 million women in the County of Los Angeles. District Awardees are selected by each Los Angeles County Supervisor and Community At-Large Awardees are selected by the Commission for Women in the following five categories: **Education, Health, Media/Arts, Business/Labor, Law/Public Safety**. All nominees will be rated on a scale of 1-4 for each of the following areas below. The highest overall score will receive the award nomination.

NOMINEE Robina M. Smith, M.D. CATEGORY Health

*Please describe your Nominees participation in the following areas in relation to the category chosen:*

1. *My nominee has worked on behalf of women's issues by:*

Dr. Robina M. Smith has been called a "lifesaver", "a miracle worker" and "a revival artist" for her unique ability to combine her medical talents as an artist with her God given gifts to help women overcome and face the challenges of Breast Cancer. Her years as a freelance Medical Illustrator and Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon has given her an unusually broad base experience with which she can effectively communicate, diagnose and remedy a woman's complex problem. She is an accomplished speaker, presenter, and author. Most recently on November 1<sup>st</sup>, she was one of the featured speakers at the Pasadena Convention Center, the 13th Annual Women's Health Conference and Expo; her topic was on "More than just PINK" Myths, Risks and Awareness. Her entire life's professional work in her practice of Medicine is to help women accept their reality of breast Cancer & help them with a cure. Further, she founded the Treasure Your Chest, Inc a nonprofit organization, aimed at education and awareness of the risks for Breast cancer and breast disease for African American women and underserved women in LA County.

2. *My nominee has made significant contributions to women's equality issues by:*

Dr. Smith's practice of Medicine speaks for itself. A powerful advocate, she helps thousands of women find their own voice to speak up and realize that Breast Cancer today does not have to be a Death Sentence, but the start of a realistic journey on the route to their cure and a long wonderful life. By helping so many women overcome their fears, helping them to reach a cure and to achieve the longevity in their life results in women's equality. Currently, Dr. Robina is the only fellowship trained Breast Surgeon at St Jude Medical Center and the Physician liaison to the Commission On Cancer from the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Smith has been awarded the Cambridge Who's Who Professional of the Year in Surgical Oncology 2010, The Denise Roberts Breast Cancer Foundations'



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The Cause, The Care, The Cure Award 2009 and the 100 Black Men of Long Beach's Health and Wellness Person of the Year Award 2010.

3. *My nominee has served as a role model for women by:*

Dr. Smith is an awesome role model (See Bio) exhibited whenever she is asked to do a public speaking engagement. When called by the LA County Commission for Women to participate in being a speaker at the May, 2011 Health Symposium (See Symposium Program) for the Second District, she immediately said yes. She is sought after nationally and locally as a public speaker in the area of Breast Cancer, Oncology and related fields. Once one has heard her outstanding motivational style of getting out this important message, it is evident why she is in such great demand, but also why she is so phenomenal at what she does. Dr. Smith participated as a speaker in the Komen Breast Cancer Launch the end of 2011, which the Commission was a partner, and the participants were lined up to have the opportunity to talk with her regarding their most private fears/devastations. She is well trained, which makes her this exceptional role model and mentor for any women who ever dreamed of being a physician one day.

4. *How has your nominee demonstrated an attitude of empowerment, positively influenced and helped women to forge ahead:*

Dr. Smith is the founder of Treasure Your Chest, Inc a nonprofit organization aimed at education and awareness for the risks for Breast cancer and breast disease for African American women. She is the co-director of the Women's Health and Fitness Ministry at Antioch Church of Long Beach and is a God fearing woman whose passion for helping and healing can be seen by all who come in contact with her. The work of Dr. Smith through her non-profit, as well as her practice empowers Women, young, older, rich and poor. Her message exudes one of the strongest attitudes of empowerment that I have ever heard in the field of Medicine, as well as to bring significant awareness to women that having breast cancer today is not a death sentence as so frequently felt and though in the past. She has a God-given talent that she readily shares with the world.

***Reason(s) for Nomination, additional comments or more specifics:***

It is truly an honor to nominate such an outstanding candidate in the field of Health/Medicine for consideration to this Commission. She has such great talent, which she readily shares with the County of Los Angeles. Her short Bio will give you a greater appreciation for this wonderful woman, physician, advocate, role model and candidate.

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She holds membership positions on the American Society of Breast Surgeons, American Society of Breast Disease, Society of Black Academic Surgeons, Association of Woman Surgeons, Association of Black Women Physicians, Cambridge Who's Who and The Denise Roberts Breast Cancer Foundation. She received her Bachelors of Fine Arts at the Rochester Institute of Technology; Rochester NY, Medical degree from MCP-Hahnemann School of Medicine; Philadelphia PA, Surgical residency from New York Methodist Hospital; Brooklyn NY, and Breast fellowship from the USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center; Los Angeles CA.

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For appointments with Dr. Smith's, call 714-446-5296. For basic information or questions on Treasure-Your -Chest Foundation, please call 1-888-492-4088 or email: [rsmithmd.tyc@gmail.com](mailto:rsmithmd.tyc@gmail.com). [www.TREASURE-YOUR-CHEST.com](http://www.TREASURE-YOUR-CHEST.com).

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